

16 August 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Logistics Planning Conference 8 August 1951.

REFERENCES: (a) Memorandum from CAL, dtd 30 June 1951; Subject:
"Logistics Planning Documents."
(b) Memorandum PL/WP dtd 8 August 1951; Subject:
"Logistic Planning Documents" (Agenda for meeting).

1. Subjects discussed at meeting:

a. Procedure to be followed in submitting OPC logistic requirements to the Department of the Army for FY 1952 and FY 1953.

b. Letter from Acting Chief of Administrative (CIA) Services regarding procurement planning relative to construction and space requirement of OPC.

c. Use of logistic planning documents referred to in CAL memo dtd 30 June 1951; Subject: "Logistic Planning Documents."

2. Points resolved:

a. Information required by Department of the Army pertaining to FY 1952 and FY 1953 materiel procurement requirements will be provided by CAL. Previous requirements submitted by Divisions in support of a general war will be used as a base to be scaled down by flat percentage factors to appropriate FY 1952 and FY 1953 cold war levels.

b. Base construction requirements will not be submitted through the channel requested by the Acting Chief of Administrative Services. This matter will be covered by OPC direct transmission to JSPQ of wartime requirements for this purpose. The only space requirements to be submitted on the present request will be those of FE, NE, and EE for their

present and expanded space needs in U.S. military installations. The Administration and Logistics Staff will confer with these divisions on these estimates.

c. Regarding logistical planning documents:

(1) Parts II and IV as separate plans of the OPC Strategic Plan will be supported by one logistic plan - Part V. All assumptions included in Parts II and IV will have to be considered by Divisions in developing Part V.

(2) Inasmuch as Part III (Transition Plan) will depend on the logistical support that may be available at any moment, plans for this logistical support must, to some extent, be considered in a different light. The starting point for this planning will be for the utilization of whatever we happen to have at that moment. Logistical Plans should point toward how available logistical support at that time can be switched instead of what logistical support is required. Planning will further develop the transition and utilization of logistical support originally planned for support of Part IV. (General War.)

(3) It is not possible now to give more logistic guidance than that contained in the 19 June 1951 draft of Part III (now redesignated Part V) of the CIA/OPC Strategic Plan, and it is unlikely that further helpful details will be available in the near future. However, it is noted that the major assumptions of that draft, as related to the Department of Defense, are summarized in Section VII of Part II of the CIA/OPC Strategic Plan dated 1 August 1951. In that form, these assumptions have been approved by the JSPD. The general pattern of papers to be prepared is indicated in Chart 1 to the

CAL memorandum dated 30 June 1951, subject, "Logistic Planning Documents."

(4) It is visualized that, when the full planning cycle has been completed, the logistic guidance in Part V of the OPC Plan will lead to Part V of the Division Plans which, in turn, will lead to Part V of Country Plans. It is emphasized, however, that all of these documents will be guidance only and will not themselves contain detailed estimates of requirements. In view of the incompleteness of current OPC logistic guidance, the completion of the logistic portions (Part V) of Division and Country Plans is strictly optional for the present with the geographic divisions themselves. It is satisfactory to CAL for divisions to proceed as directly as possible to the detailed estimates of the logistic requirements by mission and task which will be developed in the form of requirements tabs to the logistic appendices to operational plans. When such requirements have been tentatively developed, they will be totaled, feasibility tested, and revised in accordance with whatever limiting allocations of resources are found necessary.

(5) Although individual geographic divisions may choose now not to draft division and country logistic plans (Part V), the format given by the CAL memorandum of 30 June 1951 will be used as a guide for posing the logistic questions on which further guidance is needed as a basis for detailed requirements planning.

(6) It is the intention of CAL to try to shield divisions from any immediate requests for line by line estimates of commodity item requirements. It is felt that the systematic completion of cold war estimates following the full planning cycle is the most important

logistic planning task, and that all earlier estimates required can be sufficiently obtained by making statistical adjustments against the wartime requirements which the divisions have previously estimated.

3. The session further discussed the matter of deadlines for preparation of strategic and operational planning documents. The Plans Division agreed to consider the matter and issue a revised schedule.

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